

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant has carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-24 in the application. Currently, the Applicant has amended Claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 15, and 20-22 and has canceled Claims 5 and 19. No other claims have been amended, canceled nor added. Accordingly, Claims 1-4, 6-18 and 20-24 are currently pending in the application.

I. Formal Matters and Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claim 14 as containing an inconsistency. The Applicant, however, does not see the inconsistency that the Examiner points out. It is the Applicant's opinion that Claim 14 recites that a further run is located on a side of the insulating layer, as opposed to the third portion is formed on a side of the insulating layer, as the Examiner understands. Given the foregoing, the Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 11 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 11 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,841,688 to Sukegawa, et al. Nevertheless, the Examiner has also indicated that Claims 5-10, 12, 13 and 19-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, while the Applicant believes that the original claims contain allowable subject matter, the Applicant has currently amended the elements of

dependent Claims 5 and 19 into their respective independent claims to facilitate the speedy issuance of the instant case. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to these Claims.

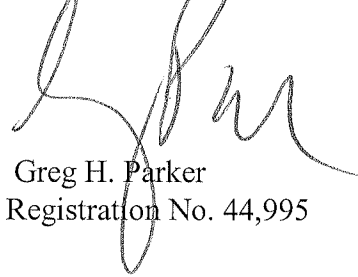
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-4, 6-18 and 20-24.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

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